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CITY MANAGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON STATUS OF CINCINNATI POLICE LT. COL. RON TWITTY

STATEMENT
City Manager Valerie A. Lemmie
Re: Status of Cincinnati Police Lt. Col. Ron Twitty

This morning, the Hamilton County Prosecutor announced that a grand jury has returned an indictment in the case of Cincinnati Police Lt. Col. Ron Twitty. The high profile nature of this case and the circumstances involved have been the subject of much speculation and debate in recent weeks. At this time, however, we must continue to allow the court process and the justice system to work fairly.

Per Cincinnati Police Department regulations, an administrative hearing will be conducted in the department within five days to determine Lt. Col. Twitty's status while he is under indictment. Until that hearing is completed, Lt. Col. Twitty remains on paid suspension.

This investigation was conducted by the Hamilton County Sheriff. The grand jury, under the direction of the Hamilton County Prosecutor, heard evidence to reach an indictment. The Cincinnati Police Department has done everything possible to cooperate with the prosecutor to ensure that this process was fair, impartial, and thorough. The City's role in the proceedings of this case is solely administrative and will resume when the court proceedings conclude.

Col. Twitty has had a long and decorated career with the Cincinnati Police Department and a situation like this is certainly a difficult one for Cincinnati. I would like to ask citizens and community leaders to keep in mind that this is an investigation of a single incident, not a judgment on Col. Twitty's career with the Cincinnati Police Department. I urge citizens to be patient and to allow this process to work. We will continue to keep the lines of communication open between the City and our community leaders to ensure that information is shared appropriately and that Col. Twitty is treated fairly.

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